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Dear Concerned Forest User:

The Red River Ranger District of the Nez Perce National Forest invites your comments on the proposed actions for the Newsome Creek Watershed Road Restoration Project that were developed jointly between the Red River Ranger District and the Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Watershed Dept.

Based on the Newsome Creek Ecosystem Analysis at the Watershed Scale (EAWS, 2002) and field surveys, we are proposing to decommission / improve 167 miles of roads.

Specifically, it is being proposed that out of 167 miles of road decommissioning / improvements: 81 miles be decommissioned by re-contouring, 1 mile to be abandoned, and 85 miles be improved. These roads are located within the Newsome Creek Watershed (see enclosed map).

I am seeking input on this proposed project and would like your comments by January 31, 2010. If you would like additional information regarding this project, please contact Stephanie Bransford at (208) 983-0675 or me at the address or phone number shown above.

I appreciate your interest in the management of your National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry Nevius TERRY NEVIUS District Ranger

Enclosure



